

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

This invention relates to genes identified from human chromosome 12q23-qter, which are associated with various diseases, including asthma. The invention also relates to the nucleotide sequences of these genes, 5 isolated nucleic acids comprising these nucleotide sequences, and isolated polypeptides or peptides encoded thereby. The invention further relates to vectors and host cells comprising the disclosed nucleotide sequences, or fragments thereof, as well as antibodies that bind to the encoded polypeptides or peptides. Also related are ligands that modulate the activity 10 of the disclosed genes or gene products. In addition, the invention relates to methods and compositions employing the disclosed nucleic acids, polypeptides or peptides, antibodies, and/or ligands for use in diagnostics and therapeutics for asthma and other diseases.